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SUBJECT: NORTHERN PERU MINING CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO TRANSFER  
MINE TO GOP

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1. DURING THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4, MINING COMMUNITY AND UNION LEADERS FROM NORTHERN PERU MINING CORP. (NPMC) MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES AND THE MINISTRY OF LABOR IN ORDER TO EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE OF NPMC'S OPERATIONS. THE WORKERS NOW APPEAR TO BELIEVE THAT THE MINING OPERATIONS WILL BE ASSUMED BY MINEROPERU AND THAT ANY EFFORTS ON THEIR PART TO AVOID THIS WOULD BE FRUITLESS. THUS, THEIR CONCERN HAS CHANGED TO ONE OF ASSURING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE MINING OPERATION AT ITS PRESENT SCALE IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY FIRINGS OR LAYOFFS OF WORKERS.

2. ON AUGUST 6 THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES ISSUED A SHORT STATEMENT GIVING THE BACKGROUND OF NPMC'S REQUEST FOR THE TRANSFER OF ITS OPERATIONS TO MINEROPERU, STATING THAT A TEAM WAS SENT IN LATE JULY TO QUIRUVILCA TO STUDY THE SITUATION AND ASSURING ALL CONCERNED THAT, NO MATTER WHAT DECISION WAS MADE REGARDING NPMC'S REQUEST,  
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THE MINISTRY WOULD TAKE ALL MEANS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE

MINE OPERATING. ON AUGUST 7 THE OWRKERS' REPRESENTATIVES ISSUED A STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THAT THEY HAD COMPLETED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES, THANKING ALL, INCLUDING MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, FOR THEIR HELP AND STATING THAT THEY WERE RETURNING TO QUIRUVILCA TO REPORT ON THEIR TALKS IN LIMA.

3. PRESS COVERAGE OF THE NPMC CASE THIS WEEK HAS BEEN QUITE MILD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN AUGUST 8 "LA PRENSA" COLUMN WHICH ACCUSED NPMC OF PURSHUING AN ILLEGAL LABOR POLICY AGAINST THE MINERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. THE COLUMN ALSO COMPARED NPMC'S PRESENT REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF ITS OPERATIONS TO A SIMILAR REQUEST WHICH NPMC MADE IN 1931 WHEN THE PRICE OF COPPER DROPPED. AT THAT TIME. ACCORDING TO "LA PRENSA," NPMC FIRED THE WORKERS, COLSED OPERATIONS, AND PERUVIAN INVESTORS TOOK OVER THE MINE. THEN IN 1940, WITH AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF COPPER, NPMC RETURNED TO PERU AND RESUMED OPERATING ITS MINES.

4. COMMENT: THIS WEEK'S PRESS DID NOT IN ANY WAY LINK THE NPMC CASE WITH MARCONA AND DID NOT STRESS NPMC'S CONNECTION WITH SOUTHERN PERU COPPER CORP.  
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